

# Love's Choice

- Malcolm Guite

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,

A little visitation on my tongue,

A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.

This taste of wine is brief in flavour,  
flung

A moment to the palate's roof and fled,

Even its aftertaste a memory.

Yet this is how He comes. Through wine  
and bread

Love chooses to be emptied into me.

He does not come in unimagined light

Too bright to be denied, too absolute

For consciousness, too strong for sight,

Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;

Chooses instead to seep into each  
sense,

To dye himself into experience.

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**“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## calendar of events

**All activities inside the church building are cancelled until further notice!**

**We are open virtually.**

## worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Senior Pastor, Charles A. Tapp, leads the Sligo family in conclusion of our Celebration of the Resurrection, the theme of which is, “The Hope of Glory!”

## profile of giving - March 20

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering pays for the outreach and nurture ministries of the church and the church school, along with necessary expenses such as utilities and maintenance of the church building.

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
Mar. 21	\$ 5,895	Mar. 20	\$ 11,968
Mar. 21 YTD	\$ 98,793	Mar. 20 YTD	\$ 94,558

**BUDGET FOR MARCH 20 YTD:** \$ 103,066

**CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:**  
Mar. 20 YTD \$ 2,363

**BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:**  
Aug. 2019 - Mar. 20 YTD \$ 34,181

**TITHE:** All of these funds are sent to the Potomac Conference to help expand the Kingdom of God throughout our region and the world.

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
Mar. 21	\$ 27,076	Mar. 20	\$ 50,211
Mar. 21 YTD	\$443,511	Mar. 20 YTD	\$ 453,237

Today's designated offering goes to Camp Blue Ridge. Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

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## welcome



Welcome to Sligo today. Here's a question that I would like for you to give some meaningful thought: What character in the Bible do you relate to the most and why? For some of you, it might be Queen Esther, because you view yourself as a courageous woman of great faith. For others it might be young David, because as did he, you too have slayed many a giant in your day. And of course, we couldn't leave the Apostle Peter off our list. Do you have an affinity with him because you can relate to how it feels when you put your foot in your mouth at the most inopportune times as well? But then, what about Judas? That's right, Judas! You know the disciple that betrayed Jesus into the hands of the Romans for a mere thirty pieces of silver and ultimately died in disgrace as he took his own life because of the guilt and shame he felt for the awful act he committed against the Savior. I'm sure you must be thinking that there's no way you can remotely have any similarity with this awful man. But this might not necessarily be the case, as we shall see in today's message, "The Judas in Me!"

- Charles A. Tapp

## what we believe

We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and our only rule of faith and practice. As Scripture teaches, we believe God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, saving us from sin by grace through faith. We believe the seventh-day Sabbath was established by God at Creation and honored by Jesus in His earthly ministry as a gift of rest and rejuvenation for all. We celebrate the church as the diverse "new community" forged through the death and resurrection of Jesus, in which all are called, all are gifted, and all are valued. We anticipate Jesus' personal and visible return to earth to raise the righteous dead, make the earth new, and dwell with His faithful children throughout eternity. We live out our love for Jesus by growing in His likeness and by serving our fellowmen.

## how you connect

- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Do life together: Join a Journey Group
- Fill out a pew menu card and place it in the offering plate
- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry

## who can help

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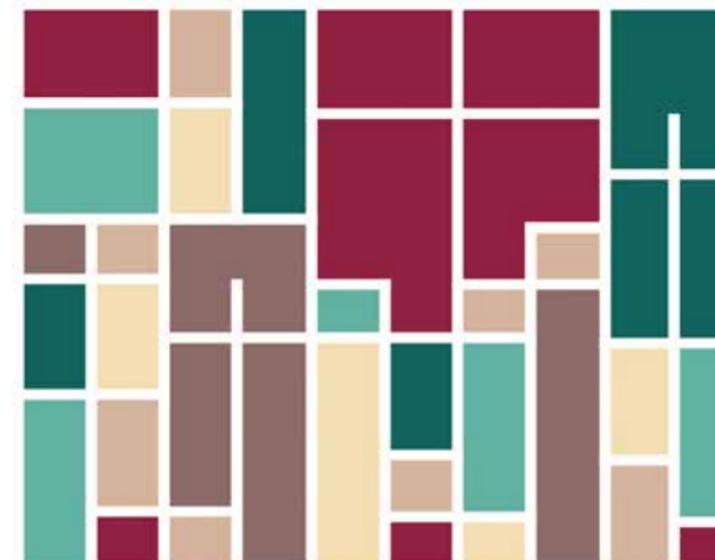
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# THE CHURCH at worship



## CHRIST FIRST

**MARCH 27, 2021**  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.



The Washington Adventist University Church

## OUR MISSION

We seek to grow passionate disciples of Jesus through worship of God, nurture of one another, and outreach to the world.

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

we gather in his name

*Holy Communion*

*We Gather*

**Song of Gathering**

I Will Sing of Jesus' Love / No.183

**Sligo Live**

Ministry Leader Appreciation Month

Hazel Marroquin

**Welcome & Church Life**

Pranitha Fielder

**Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns/ No.223

**Prayer**

Jonathan Gantt

**Anthem**

Zion's Wall / Aaron Copland

**Children's Message**

Hazel Marroquin

*We Reflect*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 22:1-6 (NKJV)

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

**Music for Meditation**

Nearer My God, to Thee / arr. Dan Forrest

**Homily**

The Judas in Me!

Charles A. Tapp

*We Prepare*

**Ordinance of Humility**

O Divine Redeemer / Charles Gounod

*The Lord's Supper*

**Litany**

Pranitha Fielder & Don McFarlane

**Leader:** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, look upon us in mercy as we come to your table today.

**Congregation:** Open our hearts to receive you in your fullness, and may your life be made perfect in us, so that we in turn will reflect your grace to others.

**Leader:** Teach us that we do not live by bread alone, but by the Word made flesh, and place in our hearts a hunger for that Word, which is the light that guides our feet to you.

**Congregation:** God of comfort, spare us from disease, hunger and hopelessness. Bring help to those in peril, relief to those who are burdened, solace to the sorrowful, protection to those who are in danger and consolation to the dying.

**Leader:** Open our eyes to see that you have made of one blood all people who live on the earth, and give us compassion for those in need and true love for our neighbors, as you have shown your love for us.

**All:** Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in our nation and in our world, and fill our hearts with the hope that comes from knowing that the one whose blood was shed for us will make all things new when he comes again in glory. Even so, come Lord Jesus, come!

**Sharing at the Table**

Charles A. Tapp

*We Go To Serve*

**Hymn of Reflection**

When We All Get to Heaven / No. 633

**Invitation to Give**

Charles A. Tapp

**Benediction**

Charles A. Tapp

**Postlude**

Carillon de Westminster / Louis Vierne

**Leading our music today are:**

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist

Arely Reyes, chorister

Jim Williams, vocalist

**Washington Adventist University Music**

**Department**

Anwar Ottley, director

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“The death of Christ proclaimed the justice and perpetuity of his Father’s law in punishing the transgressor, in that he consented to suffer the penalty of the law himself, in order to save fallen man from its curse.”

– Ellen G. White

“Jesus’ death was seen by Jesus himself ... as the ultimate means by which God’s kingdom was established. The crucifixion was the shocking answer to the prayer that God’s kingdom would come on earth as in heaven.”

– N. T. Wright

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

### Missionaries and Worship Leaders:

God sends survivors of His destruction out to the ends of the earth, to people who do not know about God, “and they shall declare my glory among the nations” (Isa. 66:19, NRSV). This is one of the clearest Old Testament statements on the theme of missionary outreach. In other words, not only are people to be drawn to the Hebrew nation but also some of the Hebrew people will go to other nations and teach them about the true God—a paradigm that is explicit in the New Testament. Though there was Jewish missionary outreach between the time of return from exile and the time of Christ (Matt. 23:15), the early Christians spread the gospel rapidly and on a massive scale (Col. 1:23).

Just as the Israelites brought grain offerings to the Lord at His temple, so the missionaries would bring an offering to Him. But their offering would be “all your kindred from all the nations” (Isa. 66:20, NRSV). Just as grain offerings were gifts to God that were not slaughtered, the converts brought to the Lord would be presented to Him as “living sacrifices” (compare Rom. 12:1). For the idea that people could be presented as a kind of offering to God, note the much earlier dedication of Levites “as an elevation offering from the Israelites, that they may do the service of the Lord” (Num. 8:11, NRSV).



**sabbath devotional:**

“The Cross is not simply a lovely example of sacrificial love. Throwing your life away needlessly is not admirable — it is wrong. Jesus’ death was only a good example if it was more than an example, if it was something absolutely necessary to rescue us. And it was. Why did Jesus have to die in order to forgive us? There was a debt to be paid — God himself paid it. There was a penalty to be born — God himself bore it. Forgiveness is always a form of costly suffering.”

– Timothy Keller

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER



**Simple Truths for Life:** Sligo's Radio Ministry, can be heard each Sabbath morning from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. on WGTS 91.9 FM. Listen with friends, then invite them to come to church in person at 11:00 a.m. Download past episodes or subscribe to future episodes for free from Simple Truths for Life by Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church from the iTunes Store. You can also go to [simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast](http://simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast).

**Prayer Requests:**

**Families of these deceased:** Irma Lee, Doris Brown

**For Healing and Comfort:** Kenya Mark , Sheila & Ellen Agard, J Carmine Pino, Nora Boothe, Jessie Gopala Rao

**Supporting Ministry** - Please continue to support the ministries of Sligo Church during the absence of in-sanctuary worship. You can give your tithe and offerings online via the Sligo Church website ([sligochurch.org](http://sligochurch.org)), by mail to 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, 20912, or in person at the church office. If the office is closed, please use the mailbox on the left wall at the entrance.

**Caring for One Another** is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. We want to ensure that our elderly members have their basic needs met during this time of social distancing. Please share with Pranitha Fielder ([pfielder@sligochurch.org](mailto:pfielder@sligochurch.org)), our congregational care pastor, the name of any elderly member who in your opinion needs the support of the church during these challenging times.

**Managing the Covid-19 Impact on Our Emotions:** Emotional wellness includes expressing feelings, adjusting to emotional challenges, coping with life's stressors, and enjoying life. It involves knowing our strengths and areas for improvement and recognizing when to be independent and when to ask for help. Presented by Lorette Gray, Licensed clinical social worker, the session includes a segment on the “Role of Nutrition on our Immune System” by registered dietitian Helen Espenida. Join us on Sabbath, March 27, at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Wellness Meeting Room ID 860 0296 0675 opens at 3:15 p.m. One tap mobile is available by dialing 1 301-715-8592. Invite family and friends to join you online.

**Have Our Minds Been Hijacked?** Mental Health in an Era of Conspiracy Theories: You are invited to the intellectual wellness session on April 24, 2021, at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Save the Date. The panelists include Bible scholar Dr. Olive Hemmings; Psychologist Dr. Jerome Crichton; Historian Dr. Michele Sun Lee; and Bettina Krause, GC Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Dept.; moderated by Carmen Lau, Chair of Adventist Forum. For more information send note to [womensministry@sligochurch.org](mailto:womensministry@sligochurch.org)

**“When you go through a trial, the sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which you lay your head.”**  
- Charles Spurgeon